

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

The specification has been amended to more clearly portray the purpose of the application.

Drawings

The attached sheets include changes to Figs. 1 and 6A to 6C. These sheets replace the original sheets including Figs. 1 and 6A to 6C. In Figure 1, previously omitted reference character "8" has been added. In Figures 6A to 6C, previously labeled reference characters "11" have been changed to "12".

Conclusion

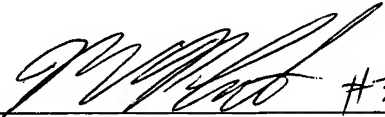
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter (Reg. No. 29,680) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s): Drawings - two (2) sheets